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SUBJECT: FURTHER MOVEMENT ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1. IN A STATEMENT SEPTEMBER 8 TO THE SIND HIGH COURT BAR ASSOCIATION, CHIEF ELECTION COMMISSIONER JUSTICE MUSHTAQ HUSSAIN SAID THAT HE HAD RECENTLY MET WITH MEMBERS OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AND HAD "INVITED THEM TO VISIT ANY OF THE COURTS OR TRIBUNALS", WATCH THE PROCEEDINGS, AND "IF THEY FIND ANYTHING BEING DONE NOT FULFILLING THE REQUIREMENTS OF JUSTICE, THEY CAN BE RECTIFIED." THE DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT THE BHUTTO GOVERNMENT HAD STOPPED ALL COOPERATION WITH AMNESTY.

2. THE PAKISTAN TIMES REPORTED SEPTEMBER 9 THAT MIRAJ MOHAMMAD KHAN, FORMER FEDERAL MINISTER, HAS BEEN GRANTED BAIL IN ONE OF THE CASES AGAINST HIM, AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD DROPPED THREE OTHER CASES. MIRAJ IS STILL BEING HELD

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IN THE HYDERABAD CONSPIRACY CASE BY THE SPECIAL TRIBUNAL. HOWEVER, HIS COURT STATEMENTS CRITICAL OF THE BHUTTO GOVERNMENT RECEIVE CONSIDERABLE MEDIA COVERAGE, AND HE IS ALLOWED EXTENSIVE CONTACT WITH FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS.

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